GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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MALPRACTICES BY PETROL/DIESEL OUTLETS AND LPG AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petrol/diesel outlets and LPG agencies found indulging in malpractices in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of such outlets and agencies whose licences have been cancelled during the above period, State-wise;

(c) the number of LPG distributors who have not been punished for committing irregularities since 2000 and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether incidents of irregularities are increasing despite the action being taken against the distributors; and

(e) if so, the action plan formulated by the Government to taken stringent action in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : During the last three years, the following number of Retail Outlets and LPG agencies were found indulging in malpractices in the country :-

Year	Retail Outlets	LPG agencies
2000-01	876	439
2001-02	915	428
2002-03	980	283

(b) : The following number of Retail Outlets and LPG agencies has been terminated during the last three years in the country :-

Year	Retail Outlets	LPG agencies
2000-01	92	13
2001-02	90	18
2002-03	64	14

(c) : The number of LPG Distributors who have not been punished for committing established irregularities since 2000 as per the prevailing Marketing Discipline Guidelines/Distributorship Agreement is nil.Action has been taken against all distributors whenever malpractices/irregularities were detected and established.

(d) : No, Sir.

(e) : Marketing Discipline Guidelines have been made more stringent to take penal action against erring dealers/distributors.